

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 and 21-27 have been cancelled, claims 15 and 17 are currently amended. As a result, claims 12-20 are currently pending in the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3019.

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